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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA DOUBLES ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
CONTRIBUTION TO PAKISTAN'S IDP CRISIS

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1. (SBU) Summary: On May 20, Australian Foreign Minister Smith announced an AUD \$12 million (USD \$9.2 Million) contribution to the IDP crisis in Pakistan, double the amount they had expected to contribute only two days earlier (reftel). The GOA decided to increase the amount for UNICEF and added new funding for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Australian NGOs. End summary

2. (SBU) On May 21, poloff asked Lisa Rice-Madan, Director of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Central Asian Republics Section, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Peter Waddell-Wood, Director of the Afghanistan/Pakistan Task Force at AusAID about the Foreign Minister's announced doubling of Australia's reported contributions (see reftel) to the IDP crisis in Pakistan. Both Rice-Madan and Waddell-Wood, who had advised us on May 18 that FM Smith would announce an AUD \$6 million (USD \$4.6 million) contribution, emphasized that they had been successful in urging further funding options because of the worsening crisis.

3. (SBU) The AUD \$6 million had already been committed to Pakistan and the further AUD \$6 million was in the pipeline before Minister Smith made his statement to the press (Wednesday, May 20) at nearly the same time that Secretary Clinton announced the American contribution of USD \$110

million (Tuesday, May 19). The Australians are convinced that their money for Pakistani refugees is a vital contribution in support of their military, political and economic efforts in Afghanistan.

¶4. (SBU) Mr. Waddell-Wood explained that the AUD \$12 million (USD \$9.2 million) has been divided into AUD \$2 million for the World Food Program, AUD \$3 million for UNICEF (for education, etc.), AUD \$2 million for UNHCR (for shelter and water purification, etc.), AUD \$3 million for the ICRC, and AUD \$2 million for various Australian NGOs working with their Pakistani counterparts.

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